

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Sylvia Henkin, and we are richer because Sylvia lives among us; and,

Whereas, Sylvia was born May 8, 1921; and,

Whereas, Sylvia graduated from high school at the age of 15 and received a double major in English and Radio Broadcasting from Drake University. She was chosen South Dakota Broadcaster of the Year and was inducted into the South Dakota Broadcaster's Hall of Fame; and,

Whereas, Sylvia married Mort Henkin in 1944, and to this union three children were born: Susan, Joseph and Elizabeth; Sylvia has 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Sylvia is a licensed pilot who flew mail to towns in southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa during World War II; and,

Whereas, Sylvia has been a champion of supporting and cheering on her community through many organizations earning her numerous distinguished service awards; and,

Whereas, Sylvia is more fondly known for singing Hello Dolly, her chocolate chip cookies and spaghetti sauce and her addiction to buying purses; and,

Whereas, Sylvia will observe her 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2006, as

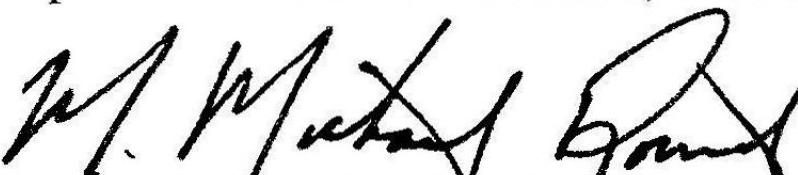
SYLVIA HENKIN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



A circular seal for the State of South Dakota. The outer ring contains the words "STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA" at the top and "1889" at the bottom. Between these words are the words "THE GREAT SEAL". The inner circle features a landscape scene with mountains, a river, and a sunburst. Above the landscape, the phrase "UNDER GOD THE PEOPLE RULE" is written in a circular pattern. Below the landscape, there is some smaller text that is partially obscured.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Chris Nelson".

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State